

TERWILLEGER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

Bounded by Twenty-seventh Street on the South, Utica Avenue on the East, Twenty-first Street on the North, and Rockford Avenue on the West

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Location: Bounded 27th Street on the south, Utica Avenue on the East, 21st Street on the North, and Rockford Avenue on the West, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
Lat: 36.131379 Long: -95.969730

Significance: Terwilleger Heights was one of the high quality residential areas developed C.H. Terwilleger, a leading Tulsa developer and one time Oklahoma State Senator. It is one of Tulsa's most exclusive neighborhoods, as it is located between Tulsa landmarks like the Philbrook Art Museum, Utica Square Shopping Center, Swan Lake, and Woodward Park. The 80-acre, 305-lot subdivision was designed by W.R. Holway and Associates, a Tulsa engineering and surveying firm, in the 1920s and 1930s. The upscale area was home to many of Tulsa's oil baron's and is an example of one of the residential developments that came out of Oklahoma's prosperous oil boom history.

History: The original plat for Terwilleger Heights was part of 160 acres deeded to Helen M. Woodward, the daughter of Herbert Woodward, in 1902 by the Creek Indian Nation. In 1909, 45 acres of the 160-acre allotment was sold to the City of Tulsa as land for the creation of Woodward Park. Another 80 acres was purchased by developer C.H. Terwilleger in 1923 for the purpose of creating a subdivision. The 80-acre site was divided into 305 lots with boundaries of 27th Street on the south, Utica Avenue on the East, 21st Street on the North, and Rockford Avenue on the West. It was planned by Tulsa-based engineering firm W.R. Holway & Associates, which was purchased by the Benham Companies in 1972.

Today, the area is one of Tulsa's premier historic neighborhoods. It is centrally located between Tulsa landmarks like the Philbrook Museum of Art, Swan Lake, Woodward Park, and Utica Square Shopping Center. Mature trees line the winding streets that traverse the hills on the site. A variety of architectural and landscape styles are present among the homes that are within the Terwilleger Heights district. Much of the landscape design was completed by individual residents. Overall, the general layout of the site has not changed significantly. There have been new homes built and some lots have split, but the general street layout has remained as it was originally conceived.

Sources: Simpson, Dana and Kelly Kerr, "Terwilleger Heights Home Conveniently Located," Tulsa World, 11 April 1998.

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View of one of the many grand homes within Terwillegger Heights
(http://activerain.com/image_store/uploads/3/8/4/4/8/ar124836385484483.jpg, accessed December 15, 2009).



View of Terwillegger Boulevard (Charles Leider, undated).